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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 USC 121

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed Aug. 18, 2003.
Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months. Examiner is requested and
authorized to charge the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 07-1729.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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